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Information circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services

Subject: **First day of issue: "55th Anniversary of the United Nations" Stamps and souvenir sheets**

Commemorative stamps

1. On Friday, 7 July 2000, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps on the theme "55th Anniversary of the United Nations". The stamps will be issued in denominations of 33 cents, 55 cents, Sw F 0,90, Sw F 1,40, S 7/€ 0,51 and S 9/€ 0,65.

(United States equivalents — Sw F 0,90 = $0.54; Sw F 1,40 = $0.84; S 7/€ 0,51 = $0.48; and S 9/€ 0,65 = $0.61, subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)

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2. In a departure from the traditional format of the anniversary issues, the 2000 issue will be based on the photographic history of the construction of the United Nations Headquarters complex in New York. The first occupation of the new Headquarters complex took place in 1950; thus the year 2000 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Headquarters building.

Souvenir sheets

3. Three souvenir sheets will also be released on 7 July 2000, to coincide with the "55th Anniversary of the United Nations". The souvenir sheets will be issued in denominations of 88 cents, Sw F 2,30 and S 16/€ 1,16.

(United States equivalents — Sw F 2,30 = $1.38 and S 16/€ 1,16 = $1.09, subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)

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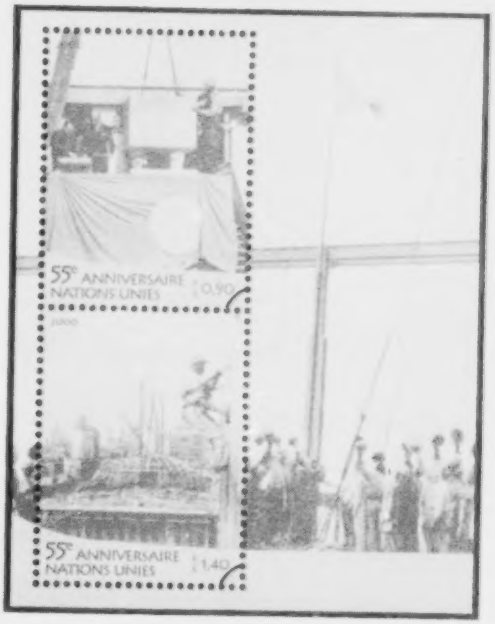
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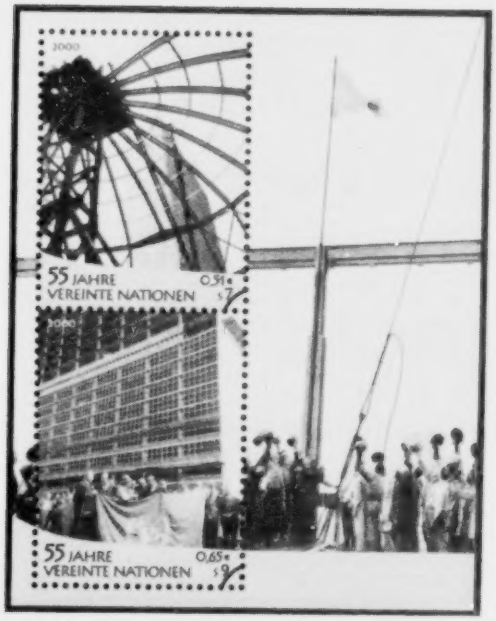
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World Stamp Expo 2000

4. To commemorate UNPA's participation in World Stamp Expo 2000, which will be held in Anaheim, California, from 7 to 16 July 2000, UNPA will release a $2.00 UNISPACE III souvenir sheet overprinted World Stamp Expo 2000 on 7 July. This souvenir sheet will be available in mint condition or affixed and cancelled first-day-of-issue Anaheim, CA, only.

General information

5. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva, Vienna and Anaheim first-day covers on the UNPA official first-day cachets **only**. Members of delegations and the staff can obtain these items on Friday, 7 July 2000, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly building: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

(b) The counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

6. First-day-of-issue cancellations can be obtained at a temporary United States Postal Service substation located outside the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly building from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

7. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.un.org/Depts/UNPA>.